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PLATING APPARATUS AND METHOD

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 12, 2003, kindly amend the above-referenced U.S. patent application as follows: